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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING WELDING CONSUMABLES

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 23, 2008

Dear Sir:

Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified patent application is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and comments below.